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President's Message

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Greetings fellow ISACA® New York Metro members:

We are only a month into our new year and have already begun planning events, with some training already scheduled and much more to come.

First, I'm happy to say that there will be a series of 'firsts' for our chapter coming up. We have already passed a major milestone in June - becoming the largest chapter in North America - but we are constantly pushing the bar to offer more for our members.

This Fall, we have our first joint conference with the IIA on October 26, 2012. We have been planning this for the past few months and have different tracks that will be sure to cater to a wide variety of interests in both organizations. See Alex Josephite's announcement in the **Education** section of this eNewsletter.

Also, we are very proud to be hosting our first ever Presidents Council Meeting ("PCM"). The PCM is a regional event for chapter leaders to present topics and share ideas about topics such as creating world class education events, marketing, membership retention, etc. All of these things we, as the Board of Directors, think about all the time - but it's important to get more perspectives from other

chapters. We are extremely pleased to be hosting this important event in October and are making plans for it now.

So, please keep reading for more details and check our [website](#) often for an update on membership events, education and training, and certifications.

Until next time - all the best.

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Education

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Joint IIA/ISACA® Conference

We are very excited to announce a *Save the Date* for our first full day Joint IIA/ISACA® Conference to be held **October 26, 2012**. The conference has three tracks targeted for Governance, Security, and Audit professionals and 14 different sessions. Topics include: PCI, AML, Mobile Device Security and Privacy Issues, IT Governance and IT Strategy Trends, COBIT 5, and Security Metrics that Matter.

Multiple Day zO/S Training

Are you confident that connections in and out of your mainframe are secure? Mainframe expert Stu Henderson will be coming to NYC **August 8-10, 2012** to show where the security gaps hide and how to resolve them. Registration ends Monday August 6, 2012 at midnight. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Webinars

The Education Committee is happy to announce that two webinar series will commence in September: **Virtualization** and **COBIT 5**. Registration will open later this month. Please check the Chapter [website](#) for more information and to register.

If you would like to present to the Chapter, consider using our webinar series to share your knowledge.

Volunteers for the Education Committee are always welcome. Email education@isacany.org or [Alexander Josephite](mailto:Alexander.Josephite@isacany.org) (Committee Chair) to learn how to get involved.

Membership

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Upcoming Events

- **September 13, 2012** - 7th Annual Golf Outing at the North Shore Towers Country Club in Floral

Park. See details in the **Special Events** section of this eNewsletter.

- **September 27, 2012** - 1st Quarter Membership Meeting - Location TBA
- **October 26, 2012** - NY IIA & ISACA NY Metro Conference at the UFT Building, 52 Broadway, NYC. See details in the **Education** section of this eNewsletter.

Welcome to our new and returning Chapter members. The New York Metropolitan Chapter now has 2,691 members - an increase of another 50 members in this past month. Check the Chapter [website](#) to see who's new.

Recommendations and suggestions are welcome for speakers, sponsors, venues, and topics for future membership meetings and conferences. Email your recommendations and suggestions to membership@isacany.org.

Volunteers are always needed for membership events and to assist in Chapter activities and projects. [Learn more...](#)

Join or Renew online today quickly and securely at www.isaca.org. Don't miss out on the many [benefits](#) of membership.

Certification

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It's time once again to publicize upcoming ISACA® certification exams (CISA®, CISM®, CRISC®, and CGEIT®) and Chapter hosted exam prep classes!

First, the early bird registration for ISACA® certification exams is August 15, 2012. If you miss this date, you can still register for an exam until October 3, 2012. However, you'll pay an extra \$50. Why wait? Click [here](#) to learn more about ISACA® certifications and to register for an exam.

Please note that registering for an ISACA® exam does **not** automatically register you for a Chapter hosted exam prep class. Click [here](#) to register for an exam prep class (CISA®, CISM®, CRISC®, and One Day Boot Camp and/or CISA® Package) hosted by our Chapter.

Many of you have questions about ISACA® certifications and exam prep classes. For example: Who are certifications and exam prep classes for? How do you prepare? How do certifications apply to and help your career? Jay Ranade, a certification exam prep instructor, has created a one hour **FREE** webinar on this subject. Click [here](#) to view.

Spread the news about ISACA® certifications to your peers and managers. Certifications help you in your career and sharpen your thinking about governance, risk management, and control. Ask colleagues who register for an ISACA® exam to also become ISACA® members. Note that exam registration and Chapter prep class fees are lower for ISACA® members. ISACA® members save \$140 on the cost of a certification exam. When you consider that international membership costs just \$130, joining ISACA® is **FREE** if you join at the same time you register for an exam (note that local chapter dues are additional).

This month's highlight:

The Fall 2012 CISA® Review class and the One Day IT Boot Camp package early bird special is now available at a reduced price of \$830 (members) / \$990 (non-members) through September 30, 2012. After that date, the prices will go up to \$990 (members) / \$1,090 (non-members). This package will enable you to sign up for both the CISA® Review class and the One Day IT Boot Camp for one low price! Visit the Chapter [website](#) to learn more about upcoming certification events or click [here](#) to register for the CISA® Review class and the One Day IT Boot Camp package deal.

If you are interested in pursuing a certification or sponsoring a certification class facility, please contact certification@isacsany.org or [Kwongmei To](#) (Committee Chair).

Special Events

Right now, please go to your calendar and/or appointment book and block out the afternoon on Thursday, September 13, 2012! Why? Because it's the ISACA® New York Metro Chapter's annual **Golf Outing**.

Take a half-day out of the office and co-mingle business and golf with your peers and counterparts at the beautiful North Shore Towers Country Club in Floral Park (located right on the Queens/Nassau line). No trekking off to New Jersey or upstate New York or out to the end of Long Island.

It's a shot-gun start at 1:00 PM. The format is "best ball" which is a great stress reducer for us hackers (myself included) and also keeps the pace faster. FYI, "best ball" is when 4 players hit. Then the team selects who had the best shot and the other three players take their next shot from that point. BTW, if you are a foursome that can give Tiger Woods a run for his money, it's also fine to play your own ball every shot. Afterward, join us for a wonderful dinner and great raffle prizes. You don't have to be a par golfer to snag the big prize - just hold the lucky ticket!

Everyone is welcome! Network with your peers, reward your management team, or extend the opportunity for both your Financial Audit and/or Information Systems co-workers to meet in a more casual setting. Perhaps you can invite one of your major vendors and review your strategies (or, better yet, see if they want to bring you!)

It's a great day and we hope to see you there. More details can be found on the Chapter [website](#).

Our Leadership

Board of Directors

The ISACA® New York Metro Chapter Board of Directors consists of 20 Board Members plus the last 3 past Presidents. Like our membership, the Board represents a wide array of backgrounds and come from many industries including Financial Services, Consulting, Education, Entertainment, and Retail. The Board meets monthly to discuss the Chapter's new and old business and the status of projects being performed by Board Committees.

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